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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for a one-month Extension of Time is submitted herewith.

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